

alike in many places; \* we therefore  
invoke thee in  
battles.

22. Adore that AGNI who shines  
brightly when  
fed with offerings of butter, who hears  
this our  
invocation.

23. We invoke thee, AGNI, who art  
JITA.VEDAS,  
listening (to our praises), exterminating our  
foes.

24. I praise this AGNI, the sovereign of  
men, the  
wonderful, the superintendent of holy acts;  
may he  
hear me.

25. "We invigorate like a horse that  
(A<m) whose  
might is everywhere present; who is noble,  
strong, f  
and benevolent.

T 26. Slaying the malignant, (driving  
away) our  
enemies, everywhere consuming the  
*Rakshasas*, do  
thou, AGNI, blaze forth with bright  
(radiance),

27. Chief of the *Angirasas*, whom men  
kindle as

- did MAGUS'; AGNI, hear my words.

26. "We worship with praises thee,  
Aam, who  
art born- in heaven or in the waters,  
elicited by  
strength.<sup>1</sup>

27. All these people, the inhabitants (of  
the earth),

<sup>1</sup> So. as the sun in heaven, as lightning  
in the waters (*i.e.* in  
the firmament), and as generated on  
earth by friction.

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\* This v. also occurs in viii. 11. 8. Sayana here reads *prabJiu ixjprdbhuh*, but against our MSS.

f Sayana takes *mar yam na vdjinam* as "like a strong man."  
Bohtlingk and Both translate *mama* "Hengst.\*\*